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EVENTS OF THE DAY

Newsy Items Gathered from All Parts of the World.

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Less Important but Not Less Interesting Happenings from Points Outside the State.

Russia disclaims all political designs on Manchuria.

Seven persons died in a Cincinnati tenement house fire.

President Taft has been busily engaged in doing his Christmas shopping in New York.

President Taft visited the Bowery and spoke words of cheer and hope to the inhabitants.

A bloody battle is reported between the Nicaragua revolutionists and the government forces.

A Los Angeles "reformed gambler" will fully expose race betting methods before government officials.

King Leopold of Belgium will undergo an operation as a last resort, but there is little hope of success.

The government immigration commission has discovered horrible conditions among steerage passengers on ocean liners.

A New York Central train running over 60 miles an hour crashed into the rear of a slow train, killing six and injuring many more.

New York police have found that \$300,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry reported stolen were pawned before the alleged robbery.

Senator Hayner calls Zelaya one of the greatest criminals of the age, and has introduced a bill holding him personally responsible for the murder of the Americans and demanding severe punishment.

Illness of King Leopold, of Belgium, takes an alarming turn.

Two factories at Racine, Wis., burned with a loss of \$650,000.

Vessels arriving at Puget Sound ports report bad storms and many disasters.

Zelaya institutes a reign of terror in Managua, where he has 500 political prisoners in chains.

Diamonds and jewelry valued at \$300,000 were stolen from a New York apartment house.

The Union Pacific is ordering nothing but steel cars, and will soon have no wooden cars in use.

M. Blierot, the French aviator, struck a wall and narrowly escaped death. The machine was completely wrecked.

A French aviator is en route to the United States with four mechanics, four aeroplanes and two experienced pilots.

Senator Creel, envoy from Mexico, declares his country does not approve of Knox's views on the Nicaraguan situation.

A Princeton observer has discovered a new comet, which he estimates is 56,000,000 miles distant, and three times as large as earth.

Four young people were drowned in the Columbia by the overturning of a launch. Three were saved after clinging to the boat all night.

Representative Mann says any amendment would help the anti-trust law.

An Ohio man, with his three daughters and his brother, were drowned while skating.

Welsh voters in parliament kicked a Tory out of meeting and openly "joshed" the lords.

Reinforcements have been ordered to Bluefields, Nicaragua, as Zelaya's troops menace the city.

General Greeley has resigned from the New York Explorers' club on account of the Cook-Pearcy controversy.

A railroad company has incorporated for \$10,000,000 to build a road from Portland to Phoenix, Arizona.

Three men were burned to death and a fourth narrowly escaped when a vat of boiling tar burst and took fire.

The Spokane branch of the American mining congress has declared itself opposed to Ballinger's conservation policy.

Phineas Bachelor, said to have been the oldest Oddfellow living, is dead at the age of 98. He was an Oddfellow over 50 years.

Dunkle, who with Captain Loose, claimed to have manufactured Cook's "observations," has been discharged by the Travelers' Insurance company.

Investigation by a committee at Hood River fails to show any record of the expenditure of \$50,000 appropriated for improvement of the Columbia River in 1878.

Mexico will help to settle the Nicaragua trouble.

Nonunion men were dynamited and beaten by strikers in the Pittsburgh steel works.

General Vasquez, commanding Zelaya's army, has been routed by Nicaraguans.

Secretary MacVeagh says the Payne bill is a step in the downward revision of the tariff.

President Taft spoke in favor of the bonding scheme before the River and Harbor congress.

The national monetary commission finds \$237 per capita of resources in banks of the United States.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen is formulating a demand for increased pay in some instances amounting to double pay.

REGION OF TERROR.

Zelaya Said to Have 500 Political Prisoners in Chains.

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 14.—It is learned from an authoritative source that a reign of terror is being maintained in Managua, and that not less than 500 persons identified with political parties are in chains in the prisons. A Catholic society has been ordered to cease sending supplies to the prisoners, who may starve to death, as they are allowed only 2 cents a day for food. Corporal punishment is meted out daily to various alleged offenders.

Zelaya, to create an impression that the sentiment of the people of Managua is hostile towards America and Americans, recently ordered Amelio Estrada, a prominent liberal and a brother of the revolutionist chief, to organize a demonstration against the United States. This he refused to do.

It is understood that Dr. Julian Irias, minister general, has been making attempts to start an uprising in his favor as Zelaya's successor, but whether with Zelaya's consent is not known. It is reported also that Irias' home has been surrounded by soldiers. Further an authoritative dispatch states that 500 of Zelaya's forces have been entrenched to prevent American marines from passing over the bridges into Corinto.

Since last Thursday, when General Estrada became certain that General Vasquez, in command of a portion of Zelaya's troops, was attempting to make a detour of Rama to seize an unguarded river point and descend upon Bluefields, the forces of the provisional government have been acting with great energy. Rama has been occupied, and less important river landings have been strongly guarded. All available boats have been held in reserve to rush reinforcements to any point that may be threatened.

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OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

STOCK RATES FIXED.

Commission Prepares Shipping Contract and Fixes Valuation.

Salem.—After investigations and deliberations that have extended back for a period of about 12 months, the railroad commission issued an order requiring the railroad companies operating in Oregon to adopt a uniform contract for shipping livestock. A complete contract has been prepared by the railroad commission, which the railroad will hereafter be required to use, and which the commission contends is much more fair and reasonable than the ones now used.

The commission has found that both the railroad companies and the shippers have been disposed to be fair and have given the commission every assistance. The principal features of the new contract are as follows:

1.—If the shipment is over more than one line, the contract will serve as a through bill of lading, its provisions insuring to the benefit of and being binding upon all connecting carriers. This will do away with the present practice of requiring shippers to sign a new contract every time the shipment passes to a connecting carrier.

2.—The carrier is held liable for loss or injury caused by its own negligence.

3.—The carrier is not liable for loss or damage due to act of God, the public enemy, authority of law, or acts or defaults of the shipper.

4.—Shipper agrees not to load a car if he finds defects which make it unsafe or unserviceable and agrees to notify agent and demand necessary repairs before loading.

5.—Shipper agrees to load and unload his stock and to see that the shipment is accompanied by attendants to look after it. He must see the doors are fastened and kept fastened. The company is liable for loss or damage in loading or unloading only when same is caused by its own negligence.

6.—If shipper neglects to send attendants and railroad employees act as attendants it is done at shipper's risk.

7.—Shipper assumes risk of loss or injury to stock when caused by any of them being wild, unruly or weak or from ill effect of being crowded in cars.

8.—Shipper agrees to protect the carrier if his stock is infected with any disease.

9.—Lien of carrier for freight charges is not affected by removal of stock from train or yards.

10.—In event of loss or injury, shipper agrees to notify agent of carrier before removing the stock.

11.—It provides that all suits or actions for the recovery of claims for loss or damage must be commenced within 60 days after the shipper has received notice that his claim is refused.

The valuations covering ordinary livestock have been fixed by the commission.

The following table shows these valuations compared with those which are now found on the S. P. company's contracts:

	S. P. Co.	Com.
Each stallion or breed-		
ing jack	\$50.00	\$100.00
Each horse, mule or ass	20.00	75.00
Each bull, ox or beef		
steer	20.00	40.00
Each stock or range		
steer	10.00	25.00
Each beef or milk cow	20.00	35.00
Each stock or range cow	10.00	20.00
Each calf	5.00	10.00
Each fat hog	5.00	12.50
Each stock or range hog		
or pig	1.00	7.50
Each fat or mutton		
sheep	2.00	4.00
Each range or stock		
sheep	1.00	2.00
Each goat	2.00	2.00

Two Cars of Paper for New Code.

Salem.—It will require two carloads of paper to print Oregon's new code. The code will consist of two volumes and there will be printed 5,000 sets, or a total of 10,000 volumes, a respectable large library. State Printer Duinway estimates that the printing will take 70,000 pounds of book paper.

The first volume has already been compiled and the copy is being placed in the hands of the printer rapidly. William P. Lord, James B. Montague, James Godfrey and William P. Lord Jr. compose the commission created by the last legislature for compiling a new code. It will be ready for distribution in November, 1910.

Albany Club Women Elect.

Albany.—The ladies' auxiliary of the Albany Commercial club, which is now one of the most active organizations in this city, held its annual election and re-elected Mrs. J. K. Weatherford president; Mrs. E. W. Cooper, vice president; and Mrs. D. D. Woodworth, treasurer.

Mrs. J. C. Irvine, who has served the club most capably as secretary, refused a reelection, and Miss Flora Mason was chosen for that position.

Big Orchards for Douglas.

Roseburg.—Five thousand acres of land have been planted to orchard in this section this year. The general success of fruit growing in Oregon has stimulated the industry near Roseburg. Next year the orchard area will be nearly doubled.

W. U. at Klamath Falls.

Klamath Falls.—The Western Union Telegraph company has been granted permission to enter the city of Klamath Falls. It is the intention of the company to open an office at once so as to handle the business of the city.

Oregon Wants Wood.

Salem.—The largest wood contract ever offered by the state is to be let December 20. The boards of the several state institutions want 10,000 cords of green cut wood delivered early next year.

ARTESIAN WELLS FOR HARNEY.

Farmers Plan Irrigation System in Interior Country.

Andrews.—In the Wild Horse valley, north and south of Andrews, many farms are successfully irrigated by means of flowing wells. A. H. Hollis, south of Andrews, has six or seven of them on his place, and there are many others having similar and lesser numbers. All the way south to Denio, through the Pueblo and Trout creek valleys, these wells are found, and in a short time there will be a great many of them drilled and put to good use in a general irrigation system.

Taking the character of the soil and the favorable climatic conditions, the possibilities for fruit and vegetable production under a generous water supply are beyond present calculation. Where a flow can be obtained at a depth of 65 to 125 feet, the cost is nominal, and the water can be used at great profit. Under such an impetus Harney county is sure to make rapid progress.

FAMOUS ROAD SPOILED.

Expensive Highway Almost Ruined by Excessive Traffic.

Salem.—The fact that road districts near corporate limits have roads that are used extensively by people in outlying districts, while those same outlying districts have roads which are never used by the people who reside in the close vicinity of corporate limits, is the bone of contention which called a large delegation to the city today to appear before the county court in behalf of the government road, which was constructed here a few years ago by the department of agriculture.

The delegation contended that teamsters from the mountain timber districts, carrying heavy loads of wood, had materially injured the experimental road of the government north of Salem, and that repairs are now necessary because of extraordinary usage.

The county court is in a quandary as to how to settle the difficulty, but has offered the district a rock-crusher and sufficient help to operate it so that the government road may be placed back in good condition.

Buy Stump Land for Orchards.

Hood River.—Marking a new era in the history of the Hood River valley, and coming as the first great step in the development of the upper region, 1,000 acres of valuable logged-off land, lying on the line of the Hood River Railway company's six mile extension, have been sold by the Oregon Lumber company to the Bruner-Bone Orchard company, of Hood River. One hundred thousand dollars was the consideration.

Approximately. Almost immediately work of clearing the land and cutting the tract up into 20-acre plots will be begun. More than \$125,000 will be spent to put the land in shape for the market.

Little Wheat Planted at Gervais.

Gervais.—Inquiry into the acreage sown to winter